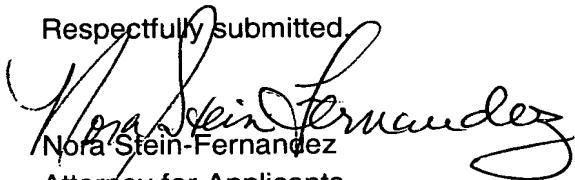


REMARKS

This Preliminary Amendment is being made upon entry of International Application No. PCT/EP2005/002635 into the U.S. National Phase of prosecution. In the specification, a new paragraph has been added to the first line of the specification to include the priority information. An Abstract on a separate sheet is attached as required under 37 CFR 1.72(b). Claims 18-20 and 24 have been canceled. Claims 5-9, 15, 21-23 and 25 have been amended in order to place them into proper U.S. claim format. Accordingly, claims 1-17, 21-23 and 25 remain pending in this application.

Favorable consideration of claims 1-17, 21-23 and 25 and allowance of this application are respectfully requested.

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